

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Anyhow, the snow is not hurting the \$1.45 wheat crop.

Gov. Manning has revoked the order of Gov. Blease, disbanding the state militia of South Carolina.

Andrew Carnegie says this will be the last great war. It will be for hundreds of thousands of poor devils who were forced into it.

Lord Kitchener's new army of a million men is moving towards France. The first installment of 300,000 are due to reach Alsace this week.

Mayor Hickman, of Owensboro, is trying to devise some way to get the snow off the sidewalks. All he has to do is to follow Hopkinsville's example.

Wm. J. Semonin, official indexer for Jefferson county, and a prominent Democratic politician, died in a Louisville street car, Saturday, of heart disease.

A charge of dynamite was exploded under courthouse of Irvine, Franklin county, Saturday, demolishing the building. It was an old building worth about \$5,000.

Marshall Morgan, managing editor of the Tennessean, has resigned his position to become secretary of the American and British claims arbitration commission.

The trial of Thos. S. Byars at Frankfort, on an indictment alleging frauds in the collection of automobile licenses, resulted in a hung jury.

The Alabama dry newspapers are jumping on Charles M. Lewis, formerly a Kentucky newspaper man, referring to him "as the political genius of the liquor interests" and "the head of a most insidious lobby."

The revolutionists in Mexico have again divided into several bands, each claiming to be the real government. At least three factions claim to be headed by presidents and two others by the bandit generals Villa and Zapata.

The army's biggest gun, recently finished at Watervliet arsenal for defense of the Panama canal, and which is capable of throwing a 2,400 pound shell twenty-one miles, was brought to the Watertown arsenal for its carriage Saturday. The gun is 56 feet long.

Congressman Stanley's advertisement published to-day contains the same old picture with the same old hat. It was hoped that when his hat was thrown into the ring it would be left on the ground and that he would call upon a photographer again and looked pleased.

The next entry in the race for Governor will be Senator Johnson N. Camden. This is prediction a Washington correspondent says, is almost certain to be realized. If he enters Senator Camden will explain his recent withdrawal by the statement that he has been urged on all sides to enter the race and possibly clear up the situation.

There is no confirmation of a report from Washington that Postmaster V. M. Williamson would be asked to resign. Mr. Williamson is a Republican with two years to serve. It is needless to add that he has no intention of resigning. He is entirely satisfied with his position under a great and patriotic Democratic president's administration.

One Covington woman said of another in a neighborly row, "She has taken old man McDonald's money and gotten by with it." A slander suit resulted and the Court of Appeals has decided that the language was not actionable. The phrase was judicially defined, however. "To get by," said the court, "means that the person referred to has done some act and has escaped the injurious consequences which usually attend such act."

THAW BACK
IN NEW YORK

Once More In Clutches of His Arch Enemy, Wm. T. Jorome.

ANOTHER LEGAL BATTLE.

Charge of Conspiracy Against Him Based on His Sensational Escape.

New York, Jan. 25.—Harry K. Thaw is again in the Tombs. Brought here Sunday morning from Boston, his only stop-over on the way from New Hampshire, he was locked up in the prison from which he was transferred almost seven years ago to the state asylum for the criminal insane at Matteawan, after his acquittal of the murder of Stanford White on the ground of insanity.

Today it is expected, Thaw will be arraigned to plead to the indictment charging conspiracy, based on his sensational escape from Matteawan, seventeen months ago.

William Travers Jerome, special counsel for the state, and Deputy Attorney-General Kennedy arrived on the same train.

Efforts by Thaw's counsel to see their client were fruitless. They were told that if they wished to consult with him they must get an order from a supreme court justice. Abel I. Smith, one of Thaw's attorneys, said tonight:

"Even though bail should be fixed for Thaw, it is possible we will make no effort to furnish it. The case has been left entirely in the hands of his attorneys, John B. Stanchfield, Morgan J. O'Brien and myself. Just what our next step will be, we have not decided."

A FIRM OF
HOPKINSVILLE

Well Represented at Chicago And Grand Rapids Exhibits.

Among the representatives of Kentucky furniture dealers who attended the exhibits in Chicago and Grand Rapids was Mr. Frank Trice, of The Waller & Trice Company, of this city, who accompanied by Mrs. Trice, spent ten days in those cities, returning home last week.

During the month of January there is held every year at Grand Rapids and Chicago big furniture shows, which are attended by buyers from all over the country. These exhibits form the clearing-houses for furniture styles for all of North America, that will be favored by factories during the next year. At Chicago alone more than 600 manufacturers of furniture showed their wares.

The show at Grand Rapids is given over largely to fine furniture, while that at Chicago is devoted more to the showing of uphoistered lines and to the showing of iron and brass beds and other furnishings of the sort.

Kentuckian Dies In Nashville.

John W. Hutchen, eldest son of Col. Virginius Hutchen, of Henderson, died at his home in Nashville, Tenn., Thursday night at 11 o'clock. He had been in bad health for several months.

He was born at Dallas, Tex., Feb. 16, 1870. He married Miss Ruby Taylor, of Morganfield, Ky., January 22, 1896 and is survived by his wife and five children—four boys and one girl.

First Contestant Chosen.

In the preliminary contest at Dawson Ray Morris, of 1916 class, was chosen to represent the Dawson High School in the Western Kentucky oratorical contest here Feb. 26. His subject is "Our Nation."

BRITISH NAVY SCORES
IN NORTH SEA BATTLE

German Squadron Attempts Another Raid On English Coast Towns And Loses One Ship And Others Barely Escape In Running Fight.

NEARLY 800 LIVES LOST WHEN BLUECHER GOES DOWN.

Lull In Land Operations With No Important Happenings On Either Western Or Eastern Battle Lines.

London, Jan. 25.—An attempt by a German cruiser squadron to repeat the recent attack on Scarborough, and the Hartlepool was frustrated Sunday by the British patrolling squadron, and in a running fight the German armored cruiser Bluecher was sunk and two German battle cruisers seriously damaged.

The British ships suffered only slight injury. So far as is known only 123 of the Bluecher's crew of 835 were saved.

A battle also occurred between the light cruisers and destroyers accompanying the bigger ships, but the result of that engagement has not yet reached the admiralty.

The British were superior in ships engaged, weight of armament and speed, and the flight of the German ships into the mine and submarine infested field possibly saved them from further losses.

The Germans were observed some time after dawn proceeding in the direction of the British coast. When they sighted the superior British

fleet they turned and made at full speed for home waters, and it was only after a stern chase that the faster British ships got within range of them. The running battle lasted more than four hours, the firing being plainly heard in North Holland, where it was judged the fight took place north of the island of Ameland and Schiermonnik-Oog.

The Bluecher, which was slower than the other German cruisers, fell behind and succumbed to the heavier guns of the Lion, which was leading the British squadron.

The Bluecher was built at Kiel in 1909 at a cost of \$6,500,000. Three years later most of her big guns were replaced.

There were no important movements in France or Poland. Artillery duels were reported from several points on the western front. Germany is said to be pushing large bodies of new troops to the Alsace battle line and is evidently preparing a new offensive plan.

EQUALIZERS
BACK AGAIN

To Hear Protests From The County's 400 Increased Taxpayers.

The County Board of Supervisors re-assembled yesterday after having served notices upon many taxpayers of changes in their assessments. There were between 350 and 400 raises and the board will be in session for five days of this week to hear protests from those whose lists have been changed. Large increases were made in the assessments of tobacco men with stocks on hand and a concerted protest will probably be made by these interests.

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Is Miss Young By Reason Of Death Of Superintendent.

Miss Ellen Young, some time ago was selected as her chief assistant by Mrs. Farmer, the head of the Boston School of Domestic Science, by reason of her unusual proficiency in the work finds herself temporarily in the shoes of the institution, owing to the death of Mrs. Farmer, the superintendent. Miss Young has practically completed the course and her friends are confident she will demonstrate her ability to hold the responsible place that has so unexpectedly come to her.

McCargo-Sandbach.

T. D. McCargo, a farmer of near Cerulean, and Miss Lula Sandbach, of the same neighborhood, were on Saturday granted a license to wed. The marriage was solemnized yesterday at the home of the bride, Rev. L. L. Spurlin performing the ceremony. The groom is a son of Mr. L. N. McCargo and the bride a daughter of Mr. John Sandbach.

Van Duzer-Humphreys.

The approaching marriage of Miss Burnette Humphreys, until recently of this city, is announced by her sister, Mrs. E. Hugh Morris, of Bowling Green. The groom-to-be is Mr. Judson Van Duzer, of Cairo, Georgia. The date of the wedding is not announced.

THREATENING
LETTER

Written To Unknown Man In Care of County Judge Walter Knight.

County Judge Walter Knight received through the mail a letter addressed to "R. C. Carder" in his care. The letter when opened yesterday read as follows:

Jan. 31, 1915.

"I am order by committee of two hundred men for you to leave here right at once. This game is a white vaile game and is unknown jame. You better leave here right at once because it won't be any safe in Christian County for you unless you are in the county jail." The letter had no signature and bore the postmark of Jan. 23, Hopkinsville, Ky.

The Hopkinsville directory show no such name as R. C. Carder or Carter. There are no Carders in the directory and the only Carters whose names begin with R. are Robt. Carter, col., 118 W. 12th street and Rev. Roy Carter, Central avenue south, of 19th street.

Judge Knight has turned the letter over to the chief of detectives at work on such cases.

Critically Ill.

An infant born to Mrs. Byron Jones at the Jennie Stuart Hospital Sunday morning died the same day and was taken to Pembroke for burial. Mrs. Jones, who is a daughter of Mr. John P. Garnett, was critically ill for two days but her condition yesterday was improved.

A Father at 99.

Robert Bates, aged 99, a brother of Martin Van Buren Bates, the Kentucky giant of the early seventies, lives at Freeling Va., just over the line from Letcher county. A son was born to him last week by a second wife. His first wife was the mother of 15 children.

Muhlenberg Patient.

Robert McCown, of Muhlenberg county, died at the Western State Hospital of chronic dysentery, aged 53 years. He had been in the institution about three months. The body was shipped to Greenville yesterday.

WHEAT PRICES 1914 VITAL
AT NEW LEVELS

Expert Business Falls off During Week—Government Probe Has No Effect.

TRADE ON BEAR SIDE.

Speculators Expected to Turn Their Attention To Corn.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Wheat prices advanced to new high levels last week, despite reports of a Government probe into the cause of the high prices and movement to place an embargo on exports. On Thursday May wheat sold at \$1.43 1/2, the highest price since the war started. Export business during the last week was not as heavy as heretofore, but the total for the week reached 3,395,000 bushels, which is an increase of 4,500,000 bushels over the same period last year.

Many of the speculators are leaving wheat and going into corn. May corn sold up to almost 80 cents during the week. Outside speculative buying of corn has increased and a majority of the traders are bullish.

There was nothing much doing in the oats market, that cereal making small response to the advance in corn and wheat.

Another Light Snow.

Still another light snow fell Sunday night and nearly everybody promptly moved it from the sidewalk yesterday. A bright winter day starting in with a temperature of 16 and rising during the day, stopped most of the kicking about the weather.

JUDGE J. T.
HANBERY

Operated Upon For Slight Trouble and Is Back at Work Entirely Recovered.

Judge J. T. Hanbery returned Thursday from Rochester, Minn., where he underwent an operation for a growth on his lip which had been troubling him for some time, though it was not regarded as serious. The operation, which was altogether successful, was performed at the Mayo hospital and the Judge returned home in fine health and ready for hard work. He is on the bench at Cadiz this week.

Robbery at Trenton, Ky.

Trenton, Ky., Jan. 25.—Robbers entered the dry goods store of J. F. Kirkman in this city Friday night and got away with several hundred dollars worth of goods, largely underwear, shoes, clothing, overalls and caps. They broke a large plate glass in the front door with a rock, the rock being found on the floor. Bloodhounds were secured, entered the store, took the scent and followed the trail a half mile from town, where they lost it. It is believed that at this point the goods were loaded on a vehicle. This is the second time within a year that this store has been robbed.

George Bleich Buys Another.

George Bleich, proprietor of the Empress theatre, at Owensboro, has purchased the Princess theatre, at Henderson. The consideration was not made public. The Henderson theatre is owned by the Princess Amusement company, of Louisville, and was opened just one year ago. The cost of the construction and equipment of the theatre was in excess of \$12,000. Mr. Bleich says the theatre will be closed for some time, as a number of improvements will be made.

Morris Wohl, of New York, recently celebrated his 100th birthday.

Compiled From The Records of Local Registrar W. H. Martin.

HOPKINSVILLE AND SUBURBS.

Showing 235 Births and 415 Deaths, Including State Hospital.

The report of W. H. Martin, local registrar of vital statistics for the First and Second magisterial districts, including Hopkinsville and the Palmyra and Concord voting precincts, has furnished the following annual report for 1914. The district includes the Western Hospital with its population of 1,500, many brought here in feeble health. This explains the heavy mortality.

BIRTHS.

	White	Col.	Total
Hopkinsville	107	68	175
Palmyra (except Hospital)	10	30	40
Concord	12	8	20
Total	129	106	235

DEATHS.

	White	Col.	Total
Hopkinsville	87	119	206
Palmyra (except Hospital)	7	40	47
State Hospital	86	39	125
Concord	12	25	37
Total	192	223	415

DISEASES CAUSING DEATHS.
Hopkinsville.

Pneumonia	14
Tuberculosis	39
Nephritis	9
Typhoid fever	6
Gunshot wound	7
Meningitis	5
Premature	7
Organic Heart Trouble	8
Peritonitis	4
Inanition	7
Paralysis	3
Bright's Disease	4
Phthisic Pulmonalis	4
Dysentery	6
Unknown, had no doctor	5
Marasmus	4
Burns	3
40 other diseases, 1 each	40
10 other diseases, 2 each	20
Still births	7
Total	206

Palmyra Precinct.

Tuberculosis	29
Cerebral Hemorrhage	12
Exhaustion Chronic Mania	7
Apoplexy	3
Pellagra	4
General Paralysis of the Insane	14
Epilepsy	7
Dysentery	5
Paresis	4
Organic Heart Disease	4
Pneumonia	7
Intestinal Nephritis	9
Psychoses Period of Involution	15
Ilio Colitis	4
27 other diseases, 1 each	27
8 other diseases, 2 each	16
Still births	6
Total	172

Concord.

Tuberculosis	11
Pneumonia	5
11 other diseases, 1 each	11
4 other diseases, 2 each	8
Still births	2
Total	37

As will be seen, tuberculosis leads all other diseases with 79 deaths, or 20 per cent of all. Pneumonia is next with 26, or 5 per cent. In 1913 the total was 80 of tuberculosis and 26 of pneumonia, in a total of 360 deaths. The births in 1913 were 250 as compared with 235 for 1914. The deaths increased 15 and the births decreased 15. The mortality among the colored people doubles the births.

Double Wedding.

Misses Neil and Mabel Nunn, of Marion, will be married Feb. 2 to Coleman Foster, of Marion, and W. O. Shouse, of Sturgis.